**English 12**

**Ms. Clark-Cadwell**

**Assignment: Synthesis Essay on Homeless Veterans**

1. Students will write a Synthesis essay in response to the following prompt:

***Based on the evidence included in the selected articles, to what extent is San Diego successful in providing for homeless veterans?***

1. In order to complete the Synthesis essay, students will read seven different newspaper articles. Students will also cite the book *Thank You for Your Service* in the essay.
2. After reading the above articles, students will select at least four of the articles to use for writing the Synthesis essay. Students must cite evidence from these articles in the essay.
3. The rubric provided on the reverse side of this page will be used to eventually grade the final draft of the Synthesis essay.
4. Students will use the Synthesis essay template to use as a structure/organization guide.
5. In the essay, students are responsible for using the evidence provided in the different news articles along with their own ideas to develop an argument.
6. Students will follow the below schedule to complete the essay:
   1. Draft of introduction paragraph: April 5 (in class)
   2. Draft of second paragraph: April 6 and 7 (in class)
   3. Draft of third paragraph: April 6 and 7 (in class)
   4. Draft of fourth paragraph: April 8 (in class)
   5. Draft of fifth paragraph: April 12 (in class)
   6. Draft of sixth paragraph: April 13 and 14 (in class)
   7. Draft of seventh paragraph: April 13 and 14 (as homework)
   8. Draft of entire essay: April 18 (as homework: formative grade)
   9. Peer edit draft of essay: April 18 (in class)
   10. **Final draft of essay: April 20 and 21 (summative grade)**
7. Grades for the final draft of the essay will be lowered one letter grade for every day submitted late.
8. Although students are encouraged to use the synthesis essay template, students need to make a serious effort to avoid plagiarism. Any instances of blatant plagiarism (where students copy the sentences/thoughts of other students) will result in an F grade and loss of senior privileges which may include prom, grad night, etc. and the requirement to re-write the essay for partial credit.